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Landen Akers of Cedar Rapids Washington has joined the parade of Metro football players to the Iowa State Cyclones.

Akers has accepted an offer to join the Cyclones as a grayshirt for the second semester of the 2015-16 school year and will not be a member of the ISU team this fall under the current plan, but that could change if Coach Paul Rhoads decides to give Akers a scholarship from the beginning.

"They're not sure yet," Akers said Saturday night.

Julian Good-Jones of Washington and Bryce Meeker of Cedar Rapids Prairie have accepted scholarships from Iowa State and will join the Cyclones this summer. Good-Jones and Meeker are both offensive linemen.

Akers and Good-Jones are good friends as well as high school teammates. "We've been friends since middle school," he said. "We hang out quit a bit."

Akers played AAU basketball with Meeker and is friends with him as well.

Akers and Good-Jones helped the Warriors reach the championship game of the Class 4A playoffs this season and finish with a 13-1 record. Akers scored 11 touchdowns and collected 1,320 all-purpose yards as a receiver, runner, defensive back and kick return specialist.

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Akers has been recruited by ISU as a receiver and kick return man. He originally said he wanted to think about Iowa State's offer for a few more weeks, but decided to accept now.

"I didn't know if I'd be getting any other offers," he said. "I decided to take that one and go with it. It's good to get that done with."

Akers also stars for the Washington track team and is one of the fastest quarter-milers in the state.